

**Appl. No.** : 10/678,038  
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### **REMARKS**

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments. As a result of the amendments listed above, Claims 1-9 have been canceled and Claims 10-16 have been added.

#### New Claims Have Been Added

New Claims 10-16 have been added. These claims are fully supported by the application as filed and, thus, no new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request consideration of new Claims 10-16.


### CONCLUSION

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney, Curtiss C. Dosier at the number provided below, to resolve such issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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